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The Kiritappu Wetland is located in Eastern Hokkaido near the Pacific Ocean. The wetland is surrounded by the forest and ocean, and the gross area is about 3,100 hectares, which is one of the largest wetlands in Japan. You can see many types of wetlands here. Also, this wetland has many roles; habitat for plants and wild animals, a source of nutrition for the ocean wildlife, it stores the water like a dam that can control flooding from climate change, and helps combat climate change. There are some boardwalks in the wetland, so you can easily enjoy the scenery and the flowers in the wetland.

Kiritappu Wetland Center was established by the Hamanaka town ministry in 1993, when Kiritappu Wetland was registered as the Ramsal site. Our center has been managed by an NPO, the Kiritappu Wetland National Trust since 2005. The center has some exhibitions showcasing our primary industries (fisheries and agriculture) supported by the wetland environment. We have a museum shop selling mainly local products like kelp and milk, and also have a café where you can enjoy meals while observing the wetland. The information counter staff at the center always welcome you and can provide information about our town.